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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1992 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to transmit the text of a joint declaration by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia, dated 24 April 1992, concerning the dramatic deterioration of the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We would be grateful if you had this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

The dramatic deterioration of the situation in the Republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina leading to the tragic loss of human lives, the destruction of towns and villages and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of persons gives cause for the utmost concern.

In its Declaration of 15 April 1992 the CSCE Participating States condemned the violation by Servian irregular forces and by the Yugoslav National Army of the independence and territorial integrity of and human rights in Bosnia-Hercegovina and demanded the withdrawal of all military and paramilitary forces currently in Bosnia-Hercegovina to their countries of origin or to their normal peacetime locations.

The existence of a sovereign, internationally recognized State and its legitimate government is at stake.

We therefore appeal to the above-mentioned forces, especially those possessing heavy weapons, to immediately stop the killing and the shelling of defenceless towns and villages.

We demand that all international humanitarian relief actions be facilitated.

In view of the seriousness of the situation and the threat to international peace and security we urge the United Nations Security Council to immediately take appropriate action.,

We call on the three ethnic groups of Bosnia-Hercegovina to resume their negotiations.

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